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1. claims: 1-7,10-15,18

A method, a VLAN Mapping Point and a method wherein it is performed a determination of the VLAN tags of the end users in the first VLAN region to whom a downstream traffic packet should be sent.

2. claims: 8,9,16,17,19,20

A method and a VLAN Mapping Point wherein the second VLAN region is an aggregation network connecting a Layer 2 termination point to the VLAN Mapping Point.

3. claims: 21,22

A method wherein upstream traffic from multiple end users is separated by means of an ARP proxy function in an access node.

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